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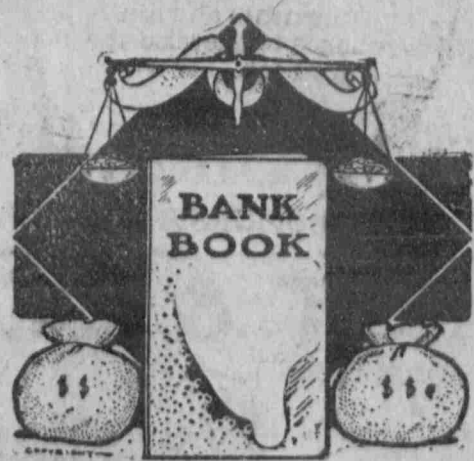


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ROMANCE OF TWO ARTISTS

Bouguereau and His American Wife
Were Engaged for Twenty Years
Before Marriage.

The recent death of the great French painter Bouguereau recalls one of the most unusual and romantic international marriages in which an American woman ever figured, says the New York Tribune. Mme. Bouguereau, the widow of Adolphe Guillaume Bouguereau, was Elizabeth Gardner, of Exeter, N. H. She was born in that old New England town more than half a century ago, and her family had come here among the early settlers more than a century before.

In 1865 this daughter of the Puritans went to Paris to study art. It was a very unusual step for a woman in those days. Rosa Bonheur was as yet the only pioneer of woman's invasion of the artist colony of Paris. Miss Gardner had a long, hard struggle for success, handicapped throughout by a desperate lack of funds. In the Julian street studios she encountered Bouguereau, already famous and the critic of her class. The American girl became the friend of her instructor, his wife and family—a friendship which lasted until the death of the first Mme. Bouguereau, and has never ceased between the second wife and her husband's only surviving daughter, now married.

After the death of the first Mme. Bouguereau came the romance. Student and master fell in love and desired to marry. But the mother of the painter was intensely opposed to his marriage, not to Miss Gardner, especially, but to any American woman, necessarily so different in race, religion, ideas and temperament. Miss Gardner would not marry Bouguereau against the opposition of his mother. Therefore, for 20 years, as long as the old mother lived, they remained bachelors.

At this time Elizabeth Gardner was working steadily and patiently in her chosen art. She was the first American woman to win a gold medal in the Paris salon. She exhibited in the salon over and over again, the first of her pictures accepted there, years ago, being "Cornelia and Her Jewels." A few years ago she presented one of her paintings, "Across the Brook," to her native town, and it was placed in the art room of the Robinson seminary. When the marriage finally took place, Bouguereau won not an unknown student, but a well-known artist for a wife.

This was in 1886. Two years ago the distinguished couple were honored with gold medals from several European monarchs as an appreciation of their additions to modern French art.

WAS BEST SHOW FOR HIM.

When Gov. Warner Sought Information on Campaign, He Found Who Had "Best Show."

Gov. Warren of Michigan was traveling south from Cheboygan during the gubernatorial campaign a year ago when he happened to find a seat in the train near a man of Scandinavian descent.

Wishing to gather all the information possible, Mr. Warner asked casually:

"My friend, how do things look over in your part of the state? What do you think of this man Ferris?"

"Oh, she ver' gude wan, Ferris ver' gude wan," was the stolid reply.

"Well, what do the people think of this other candidate, this Warner?"

"Oh, she ver' gude wan. Warner ver' gude wan," and the Swede relapsed into silence that was unencouraging to say the least.

Mr. Warner, not very highly enlightened as yet, was persistent. He asked:

"Well, who do you think has the best show?"

Here the Swede considered deeply.

"Oh, Ah tank de ol' circus has da best show."

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